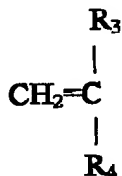
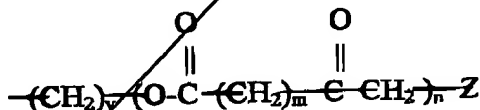


30. (Amended) A method for applying an artificial nail to a nail surface comprising applying to said nail surface a polymerizable composition containing at least one monoethylenically unsaturated vinyl monomer [that contains two or more carbonyl groups] having the general formula:



wherein R_3 is H, a C_{1-30} straight or branched chain alkyl, aryl, aralkyl; and

R_4 is $-A-X-(OC(=O)(CH_2)_m-C(=O)CH_2)_n-Z$, or



wherein $A = -C(=O)-O-$, or $O-C(=O)-$, $X = C_{1-30}$ straight or branched chain alkyl, m is 1 to 5, n is 1 to

30.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider patentability of the amended claims. If further amendments or submissions are required, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney.

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